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# *The Water Carrier*

The average man in Aquarius puts all his wares into the window, and often in the room behind the window there is little to be found. Esoterically, the developed Aquarian puts all he has into his water pot, storing it there for service and giving it freely on demand to meet a need.

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The keywords of the sign from the angle of form, natural order, are: "Let desire in form be ruler;" from the angle of the soul, spiritual order, they are: "Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men."

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The keynotes of this sign are three in number and very easy to understand, though when they make their note felt on the reversing wheel, most difficult to demonstrate. They are:

1. The service of the personality, the lower self, which eventually transmutes itself into the service of humanity.
2. Superficial and selfish activity which changes into a deep and active intention to be active on behalf of the Hierarchy.
3. Self-conscious living which changes finally into sensitive humanitarian awareness.

The quality of these keynotes changes from a petty and superficial nature to one of deep purpose and profound conviction.

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The true Aquarian . . . is held by none of the pairs of opposites but uses them both for spiritual ends. He is hindered neither by earth nor water (Capricorn and Pisces); he has surmounted the tests of both processes of incarnation and initiation and so stands free, distributing energy and life, symbolised by the two wavy lines.

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Opportunity — Illumination — Brotherhood; these are the gifts that Shamballa is planning to confer upon mankind during the Aquarian Age, if man will but prepare for them, accept them, and use them. Only the future will make clear man's reaction.

*The Tibetan*



# *The Labours of Hercules*

## *Labour XI. Cleansing The Augean Stables*

By  
Alice A. Bailey

*(Aquarius January 21st - February 19th)*

### *The Myth*

Within the Place of Peace the Great Presiding One poured forth the radiance of his exalted thought. The Teacher drew nigh.

"The single flame must light the other forty-nine," the Great Presiding One affirmed.

"So be it," the Teacher answered. "Having lit his own lamp, Hercules now must bring the Light to others." Not long thereafter, the Teacher summoned Hercules.

"Eleven times the wheel has turned, and now you stand before another Gate. For long you have pursued the light which flickered first uncertainly, then waxed to a steady beacon, and now shines for you like a blazing sun. Turn now your back upon the brightness; reverse your steps; go back to those for whom the light is but a transient point, and help them make it grow. Direct your steps to Augeas whose kingdom must be cleansed of ancient evil. I have spoken."

Forth went Hercules through Gate Eleven in search of Augeas the king.

When Hercules approached the realm where Augeas was the ruler, a horrid stench that made him faint and weak assailed his nostrils. For years, he learned, King Augeas had never cleared away the dung his cattle left within the royal stables. Then, too, the pastures were so amply dunged, no crops could grow. In consequence, a blighting pestilence was sweeping through the land, wreaking havoc with human lives.

To the palace then went Hercules, and sought out Augeas. Informed that Hercules would cleanse the stenchy stables, Augeas displayed distrust and disbelief.

"You say that you will do this mighty task without reward?" the King declared suspiciously. "I have no faith in those who make such boasts. Some cunning plan you have contrived, O Hercules, to take my throne from me. Of men who seek to serve the world without a recompense, I have not heard. At this point, though, I'd welcome any fool who sought to help. But a bargain must be struck, lest I be chided as a foolish king. If you, within a single day, shall do what you have promised, one-tenth of my great flock of cattle shall be yours; but if you fail, your life and fortune will be in my hands. Of course, I do not think you can fulfil your boast, but try you may."

Hercules then left the King. He wandered through the blighted place, and saw a cart go by piled high with dead — the victims of the pestilence.

Two rivers, he observed — the Alpheus and the Peneius — flowed quietly nearby. Standing on the banks of one, the answer to his problem flashed upon his mind.

With might and main he laboured. By great exertions he succeeded in diverting both these streams from courses they had followed for decades. The Alpheus and the Peneius were made to pour their waters through the dung-filled stables of King Augeas. The rushing torrents swept away the long-accumulated filth. The realm was purged of all its fetid murk. Within a single day the task impossible had been performed.

When Hercules, quite satisfied with this result, returned to Augeas, the latter scowled.

"You have succeeded by a trick," King Augeas cried out in rage. "The rivers did the work, not you. It was a ruse to take from me my cattle, a plot against my throne. Rewards you shall not have. Go, get you hence ere I cut down your stature by a head."

The angry King thus banished Hercules, and bade him nevermore set foot within his realm on penalty of sudden death.

Having performed the task assigned, the son of man who also was the Son of God went back to him from whom he came.

"A server of the world you have become," the Teacher said when Hercules drew nigh. "You have gone on by going back;

you have come to the House of Light by yet another path; you have spent your light that the light of others might shine. The jewel that the eleventh labour gives is yours forever more."

F.M.

## *The Energies of Aquarius*

(Lecture by A.A.B. 1937)

There is a phrase in the New Testament — "The end of the world". It is just beginning to dawn upon many of us that what was really meant was that the sign Pisces, in which Christ, the Great World Saviour, came, would end at a particular date, and we are right in that time now. We are not facing a judgment day in which the sheep and goats will be divided and some go to heaven and others go to hell. Many ridiculous interpretations have been put upon the symbolism of the Bible.

It has been thought that the sheep went to heaven and the goats went to hell. It is the other way round. The goat in Capricorn is the initiate and from a certain esoteric angle the goats do go to heaven because they function in the spiritual kingdom which is heaven; the sheep remain on earth (which after all is the only hell one can possibly predicate) until they are no longer sheep — until they learn to have individual thought, become goats and climb the mountain and exchange the position of follower to that of independent seekers.

Entrance into heaven is entrance into the Aquarian Age — begun during the last two hundred years. We are told that about the year two thousand our pole star and another star (Vega) in the heavens will be in conjunction with each other and the Aquarian Age will be fully with us, but only fully with us in the sense that we shall be entering it and Pisces forces will be receding rapidly. All that transpires in physical plane expression is due to subjective forces.

A school of thought exists which traces all the mysteries, all of the teachings that we are now calling the Ageless Wisdom to a form of animal worship and temple mysteries of a sordid and sexual kind. I shall not go into details, but I want to tell you what I think is of vital interest for us to grasp, because it is something in the Aquarian Age which will be emerging in greater fullness right along.



It is one thing to be subjected to blind force, it is another to have an intelligent outlook upon what is happening and to understand and look for certain occurrences. Perhaps for the first time in the history of our race there is a sufficient number of intelligent men and women to anticipate happenings with an understanding based on what has transpired in the past, so enabling them to predicate what will happen in the future.

What caused the worship of the bull in Taurus? Not the bestial nature of humanity that took the bull as a symbol of the animal nature and deified it, which is what the average human being who investigates the mysteries says. It is because there were subjective forces playing upon our planet as our sun passed through the sign Taurus. The lesson for man is that under the symbol of the bull he had to wrestle with the animal in himself.

Then our sun passed into Aries, the Ram, and we had the sacrifice of the lamb, showing that the sacrifice of the animal nature was beginning to succeed the concept of wrestling with the animal nature.

Then the sun passed into Pisces, the fishes. The forces that played upon our planet at that time brought into the consciousness of man his essential duality and the link between the two parts of himself. (Two fishes linked by a band). This consciousness, on a large scale, began to make its impact upon the human being — i.e. that he is soul and body. Christ came in Pisces to demonstrate to us perfectly what would be our ultimate achievement when we had linked those two together — the fish, the symbol of the second person, the fish Avatar — and the fish swimming in matter, the symbol of the human being in incarnation. There you have the story.

Having traced that wonderful, idealistic, evolutionary teaching down the last five to six thousand years as the result of subjective forces playing upon humanity, we are now passing into the sign Aquarius where through symbolism of water and purification we shall learn how to be the soul and not the human being. That is what is going to happen in Aquarius.

At the end of the Aquarian Age, approximately two thousand five hundred years hence, can you picture what humanity will be like? The animal nature, the emotional nature and the mentality, will be secondary and the soul, the consciousness aspect, that

universal urge in each of us that puts us en rapport with God, will have surged to the front. Putting it another way, we shall have left behind the human kingdom and, though we may be inhabiting bodies, our consciousness will be focussed in the fifth kingdom of nature — the spiritual kingdom. That is the prophecy — the thing that lies ahead for humanity in two thousand five hundred years time.

The opposite sign to Aquarius is Leo, the sign of the individual, the man who has found himself as a human being. He stood upon his own feet — he was the centre of his universe — the stars revolved around him, everything happened in relation to himself. By that he learned certain great lessons — that it was just possible he was not as important as he thought, and that by subjecting himself to certain training he could find a larger self. And so he passed on into Scorpio where he was tested to see how much persistence he had. The outstanding characteristic of the aspirant is endurance and the sign that calls for the utmost endurance is Scorpio. He triumphs in Scorpio and in Sagittarius he becomes the one-pointed disciple who, having put his hand to the plough, *cannot turn back*; he may want to but he cannot turn back. He goes on, and because he goes on he climbs to the top of the mountain in Capricorn and undergoes the transfiguration.

*In Aquarius the disciple becomes the serving master.* We shall take up the subject of world saviours in Pisces. In Aquarius the man is a serving master. That is the keynote I want you to hold in your minds. He can be a master because he has learned to serve, and he can serve because he is a master. Those two go together.

The ruler of the first decanate of Aquarius is Saturn. Saturn gives us discipline — Saturn opens for us the door of opportunity. Saturn through spiritual exercises and trials strengthens our spiritual muscles and enables us to emerge out of darkness into light.

### ***Hallmarks of the Initiate***

Hercules being the initiate is pledged to do three things, which can be summed up as the outstanding characteristics of all true initiates. If they are not present in some measure the man is not an initiate.

1. *Unselfish service.* This is not the service that we render because we are told that service is a way to liberation, but service rendered because our consciousness is no longer self centred. We

are no longer interested in ourselves but our consciousness being universal there is nothing for us to do but to assimilate the troubles of our fellowmen and help them. It is no effort for the true Aquarian master to do so.

2. *Group work.* This is something that we know little about as yet. The world is full of organisations and societies, brotherhoods that are happy training grounds for ambitious people. I do not mean to be unkind, but my experience with the average group is that it is a hotbed of jealousies, people trying to impress the others with the amount of their knowledge and the wonder of their self sacrificing lives. This is not group work.

Group work is standing alone spiritually in the handling of one's own affairs with complete forgetting of one's own self and affairs in the welfare of the particular section of humanity with which we are associated. It negates ambition; it negates the progress upward in any lodge or organisation; it negates all assuming of official prerogatives. I do not think the new groups will have any officials but will work automatically because of the intuitional spiritual interplay between the minds of the units in the groups. We do not know anything about it yet.

Can you think of a group so united on spiritual levels that letters, pamphlets, books, etc. can be done away with — that the intercommunication between the minds of the members of the group is perfect? That is the Aquarian group and it is not with us yet.

3. *Self-sacrifice.* The meaning of self-sacrifice is making the self holy. That deals with the self of the group and the self of the individual — that is the work of the initiate.

From the top of the mountain in Capricorn Hercules has to come down, literally, into material filth and clean the Augean stables. I want to give you an idea of his psychology. He had climbed up to the top of the mountain. He had passed all the great tests, passed from Capricorn into the spiritual kingdom and knew somewhat the significance of mystical ecstasy, and in that highly spiritual state he received word to go down and clean the stables. What an anticlimax. No great world work — but to clean stables.

The object of the test can be summed up in this way. Hercules had to aid in the cleansing of the world by the right direction of the



forces of life through it. You appreciate that we are entering into the Aquarian Age where materialism, as we know it, will have completely died out at the close and when the whole life will be interpreted in terms of energies. We are dealing entirely with forces. We shall probably have a new language — the symbolic language of energy itself. We shall all be practical occultists — the occultist who lives and works in a world of forces and who begins with the forces within himself. You will get a little understanding of what is meant by the wielding of forces if you watch your speech. Why do you raise your voice when emoting? Because the energy sweeping through you has an effect upon your vocal apparatus. You are dealing with energies and you are misusing energies. Watch yourself and begin to work in the world of forces within yourself.

This sign inaugurates the school of world saviours. It is almost a "John the Baptist" sign — a sign of preparation for what the next Piscean Age is going to bring in.

Aquarius is depicted as a man holding an inverted vase — the man inverts the vase and out of it come two streams of water, the river of life and the river of love, and those two words — life and love — are the two words that embody the technique of the Aquarian Age. Not form, not mind, but life and love. Two words we use constantly but which do not yet bear any adequate concept, back of them.

### *Decanates, Rulers and Constellations*

Aquarius, like other signs, is divided into three decanates. We are now entering the first decanate governed by Saturn, hence our present difficulties, our political upheaval, the dividing of the world stage into great groups, with people who are national, patriotic, and those who are beginning to vision the international spirit. In the Churches, in the religious field, division again — between those who are getting a picture of the universality of the love of God, and those who bow to authority and dogma.

In the field of economics a tremendous turmoil is brought about by Saturn between those who bow to material things and those who are letting them go in order to get the better things; between those who grab possessions for themselves—those who hoard and keep—and those who let go in order to acquire what Christ calls "treasures in heaven". In almost any field of thought we find these two compelling forces because of the impact of the Piscean and Aquarian energies. There are two diverse groups, those who are tied to the

past and to the material aspect, and those who are getting the vision and are seeing the life and the consciousness and the purpose and the plan emerging through the medium of them all.

And the wonderful thing if you study the world intuitively, if you keep apace with what is going on in this, and other sections of humanity, is that you will see that in spite of superficial disturbances and dire happenings, the spirit of man is sound and pure and is rising to the occasion and we are coming through — but don't think it will be in a week or a year! We may get better conditions, improvements here, there and everywhere. It is up to us how fast we learn the lesson of how to let go, in order that the Piscean Age of materialism and of authority, possession and mentality can be superseded by the age of spirituality, of intuition, of universal consciousness.

The second decanate of Aquarius is governed by Mercury and out of the present time will come illumination. The illumination that came in Leo, the opposite of Aquarius, was "I am the self"—the illumination we call self consciousness. Illumination coming in Aquarius is "I am That", I am group conscious. My self consciousness has dropped away, my individuality is of no importance, my personality is only a mechanism, my consciousness is one with all that is.

In the third decanate, governed by Venus, we have the emergence of inclusive love. About two thousand years from now we may really express brotherly love. It will be, must be, a manifested fact before humanity *as a whole* can pass into Capricorn. They will enter that sign in a loving spirit. The individual aspirant can not take initiation until he has learned to love disinterestedly, and not only those who think as he does and act as he desires.

### *The Law Gives*

There are two lawgivers in the Zodiac, Regulus and Kefus. In Leo we have one of the four royal stars, Regulus, the lawgiver, the law for the individual, the law of selfishness, if you like, the law of competition, the law that sets every man against his fellow-man, the law that makes him grab and grasp, the law under which we live, the law of competition.

Regulus, the law of the individual, has to give place to Kefus, the law of Aquarius, where we shall have a new law based on

suffering, illumination and love. It would be interesting to see how far you yourself can grasp what those types of law will be, based upon the suffering of the individual that has led him to lose interest in himself. When you have suffered enough you do not care about yourself any more. You find that the only way to happiness is not to be free from suffering but to lose yourself in something outside yourself.

The Aquarian law is based on spiritual illumination, on intuitive perception and brotherly love which is identification with every form in every kingdom in nature. A tremendous future lies ahead — two thousand five hundred years will have been consummated. We are on our way.

Remember, the more rarefied the forms through which the life is acting, the more rapid the reactions. That is why we have this tremendous speed in every department of life — why we are all so strung up. We have Piscean bodies and we are trying to vibrate to the Aquarian Age. *We are not Aquarians yet* — there are no true Aquarians — we are not equipped yet. For that age some of the children coming in have the earmarks, but even they are few and far between.

The Aquarian Age is going to manifest over the whole world, there will be Aquarians born everywhere because there is this working out of the subjective spirit in every part of the planet. It is possible that in America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa there will be focal points of the energy. But what will really happen is the coming into incarnation all over the world in every kingdom of nature of those human beings and other forms of life, all merging under the new Aquarian influence. A marvellous thing is taking place; let us get the world ready so that our children and children's children can see it all happen.

Christ sounded the note "for the time of the end" when He said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another." The Eleventh Commandment — eleventh sign. It is only now we are discovering what a marvellous astrologer Christ was. We know that the cycle He inaugurated would pass away, that a new method of work would have to emerge whereby the Masters would employ a new mode of reaching humanity, but He prepared the way for His own later work.



There are three constellations in Aquarius. The Southern Fish, Pisces Australes, picturing in connection with Aquarius the coming World Saviours. Note that here, in the culminating of Pisces, we have one fish — the avatar, not the two fishes banded together. The second constellation is Pegasus, the winged horse, ever the inspiring symbol of the higher mind (love), spurning the earth, at home in the air. On a lower level we are reminded of the winged feet of Mercury — ever wings of the mind — remembering also that one definition of love is “the cold, clear light of reason”. The third constellation takes yet a further flight, for we have Cygnus, the Swan, flying in mid-heaven. The Swan of Eternity, flying in Time and Space, is the symbol of Life itself, the cleansing, purifying “living waters” of Aquarius. *(Interpolated, A.P.)*

### *Interpretation of the Test*

Augeas, the son of Neptune, the god of the waters and the sun, kept herds of animals and for thirty years the stables had not been cleaned so that the filth had accumulated. Hercules was told to do something about it; many people had attempted to clean the stables and had failed — it was always beyond them.

Hercules being an initiate and having much common sense, which real initiates always have, went down from the mountain top and contemplated the problem; he studied the stable.

First he broke down the wall that surrounded the stable, then he made two great holes in its opposite sides, and turned two rivers through them. He did not try to sweep and clean as others had but he broke down barriers by using two rivers. Without effort on his part the stables were cleaned.

Very pleased with himself Hercules rushed off to Augeas and shouted, “I have cleaned the stables. They are perfectly clean.” And we read that Augeas turned his back on him, refused to recognize what he had done, said it was a trick.

It might be said that the emotional desire nature of that great Life in Whom we live and move and have our being, also keeps herds of animals that answer to the name of human beings!

To my mind, the word God, three little letters, is just a symbol. I do not pretend to know what it is a symbol of, I know it stands for me as a symbol of a life that is imminent in all forms and trans-

cent also. I am one of the herd animals that has been kept by Augeus, and the stables in which the animals dwelt have not been cleaned for 30 years — 3 multiplied by 10 — and 3 is the number of the personality and 10 is the number of completion.

What if I told you that now, in your day and mine, for the first time humanity is a coordinated complete unit with mind, emotional nature and physical body functioning as one, and that the stables have not been cleaned for 30 years.

What are the two things that Hercules did? He broke down the barriers. That is the first thing that has to happen in the Aquarian Age. We are just beginning to do it. We are just beginning to think in broad terms — to leave off being exclusive. Emerging in the world are groups of men and women everywhere who are wrestling with themselves in order to be inclusive in their thought because in the Aquarian Age nations as we know them now will have to go; nations fighting for themselves and for what they want — nation against nation — the cultivation of patriotism which is frequently the cultivation of hatred. We have to teach people that they are human beings with certain responsibilities, yes, but we can begin to get a larger picture — develop the consciousness of humanity as a whole. As Browning says:

“Mankind made up of all the single men  
In such a unity the picture ends.”

That is going to happen in Aquarius—that is what lies ahead—that is what The United Nations, movements for international peace and other groups in religious, political and economical fields are working for — the breaking down of prejudice, learning to think in general terms, in wholes. The breaking down of barriers on a large scale has to be brought about by public opinion, and this is of slow growth and largely emotional — that is the trouble.

In the Aquarian Age, especially in the second decanate, when Mercury the messenger from the soul to the brain via the mind is ruling, you will have public opinion moulded by thought and not by emotion, and we shall have the world full of thinkers. The function of those who write and think along these lines, and there are thousands everywhere in the world, is to begin to think constructively along right lines so that the foundations will be well laid for the force pouring in; we build for the future.

Inclusive consciousness does not mean humanly conscious — it is more — you must become time conscious. The time is coming in Aquarius when past, present and future will pass out altogether and you will always have the eternal present that will include every sphere and aspect of consciousness which we can call strictly human. That is the position of the humanist, as I interpret it — he takes the position “Let us be truly human” before we attempt to be superhuman. We are now only emotional, watery, fluidic creatures that are as yet unilluminated, struggling with separateness. We are not able to be world conscious, to be en rapport with every phase of human thought. We shall be someday.

Let me ask a question. Are you able to enter intelligently and sympathetically and understandingly into the consciousness of the immediate members of your family and know why they think as they do, understand why they act in a particular way under a particular condition? Cultivate the Aquarian spirit of leaving people free — cultivate the capacity of trust. Cut out distrust of all with whom you associate — believe in them and they will not let you down — impute wrong motives and they will let you down and it will be your own fault. Let us be as fair as we can with the light we have. Let us cultivate the Aquarian spirit of non separateness, love, understanding, intelligence, free from authority, drawing out of every human being we meet the best that is in them. And if you do not draw out of them the best in them, blame yourself and not them. That is the truth. If a person misinterprets you, it is because you are not clear. Self reference is always necessary for the Aquarian, but not that self consciousness that we find now.

When we have broken down barriers of separateness, then we let in the two rivers — the water of life and the river of love. I cannot talk about those two rivers because I do not know what they are. Many talk about life and love — they use words. I do not know what life is yet, and we certainly do not know what love is.

It is interesting to try to express to yourself what you understand by the river of life and the river of love which, by breaking down the walls, flow through the human family. We are entering increasingly into the age of energy — entering into the age of love. Do you appreciate that a great hole was made in walls during the war — that since the war, life and energy have come to mean something more than they did before?



When you have done all you can to break down the walls and to express life and love, aided by your own soul whose nature is love-wisdom, do not look for recognition — you won't get it. The hard task of the pioneer in any field of thought, of any person who is endeavouring to express the new ideals, is always non-recognition and sometimes worse. You won't be praised, you won't be pitied, you will have a difficult time, but remember, you are hewing the path so that in the future, hatred and separation may die out.

I like to think of Aquarius as the "John the Baptist sign" in terms of the initiate. We are leaving Pisces in one respect and we are headed toward a Piscean era in another respect when the World Saviour will come. And as we look upon the Aquarian Age as a John the Baptist sign, so we can look upon ourselves in our own fields wherever we may be. In view of the cosmic picture, doing all we can do at this particular time, we are fulfilling the function of John the Baptist and preparing the way for that extraordinary happening that is individually going to take place when the World Saviour will again emerge and humanity will learn the next great truth and step forward and up. A.A.B.

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## *Purpose, Power and Peace*

God, it is said, moves in strange and wondrous ways. Perhaps there was no stranger and more baffling way for Him of forcing to our attention the spiritual requirement of the Age about to come and, in a sense, already come *in seed*, than to thrust open the gates of tomorrow by the explosive release of atomic energy. This explosion over Japan has shocked the sensibilities of many good people. But so was the figure of Jesus, chasing with a whip the merchants crowding the steps of the Temple, a shock to many "good people" among the Jews.

God, or spirit, is no respecter of goodness or sentiment. What has to be uttered, what has to be revealed, will be manifested. The Man of God, accepts for himself the Cross, that thereby the truth of the incoming era may be dramatized and seared into the soul-substance of humanity. If humanity needs an atomic bomb to herald the coming of the spirit of the New Age and to burn into the human mind the message of this spirit, then God — the God of the Whirl-

wind and the Burning Bush — will announce His presence by stepping out in awesome majesty from the core of the atom. . . .

Spirit does not compel; but facts do. It is therefore necessary that facts be made so compelling that men at long last recognize that all power is of the Whole, belongs to the Whole, and is entrusted to individuals, only in order that they may manage its release with clear-cut and specialized efficiency for the sake of the whole. . . .

To gain this ability to release power in service to the Whole means to reach psychological maturity. And the greatest enemy of maturity is Fear. It is fear alone that keeps the adolescent in bondage to infantile attitudes. It is fear alone that keeps nations and the effective — if not official — rulers of nations from realizing that humanity as a whole is the one frame of reference with regard to which the achievements of any nation *make sense* and acquire their full human worth. It is fear that causes aggression and twists men's minds into tortures — fear, and the gnawing sense of frustration which is forever wedded to fear and engenders despair, then self-destruction. . . .

Aquarius, the symbolic man of the zodiac — is carrying upon his strong shoulders an urn filled with waters. Yet these waters may mean life or death for him who is loaded with the gift; for unless man has received within his own soul the baptism that forever makes it impossible for him to drink of the waters and let the earth thirst, may God have mercy upon him! . . .

Purpose, power and peace. He who lacks either will prove himself in centuries to come less than man. That we should incorporate all three in our personal and communal lives is demanded of all of us who can claim the right of survival in this tragic and wonderful decade of death and rebirth. This is the new Incarnation.

*Dane Rudhyar in "Gifts of the Spirit", p. 113 et seq.*

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The disciple's ability to serve the vision is largely measured by his ability to read meaning into world events as they are happening today. On the screen of today are thrown the shadows of tomorrow's events. The developing intuition and his discriminating faculties enable the disciple to bring through accurately the sensed vision.

*R. M. Dunbar*

# Transition

By  
*Homer Carnegie*

We all know that the whole world is in a period of transition. Transition from war to peace; from the Piscean to the Aquarian Age; from world-wide ill-will towards nations of differing ideologies, of color, race, creed, of circumstance to that of goodwill which is the immediate goal of humanity. From want to plenty, from fear to courage, from enslavement of different kinds to various freedoms — towards all these things the great masses of humanity are awakening. They are seething and restless from the wilds of Africa to the four corners of the earth.

Our ideals are only a partial grasp of the divine idea which is working out in the world. The western nations have democracy as their partial concept or ideal of a monadic idea. The Soviet bloc has grasped the concept or ideal of Communism as the ideal way for humanity. They are conscientious in their own way. They are also heartless and cruel, believing that the end justifies the means. We, too, are conscientious, believing (perhaps without thinking it out into so many words) that that same amount of cruelty and heartlessness, pain and suffering (by which we grow), spread out over a very long time, will accomplish what all mankind desires. Either way is painful. For centuries we have been using the slow process of evolution with changes coming slowly and suffering in many ways until the "day be with us."

If we grow through pain and suffering (and the Master D.K. has told us that humanity deliberately chooses the way of suffering) we also know that "comfort is the cemetery of spirit."

Of the advocates of the opposing ideologies, neither is perfect. We of the western world readily admit of our many imperfections. We are sure, of course, that the communists are very imperfect. On the individual level, we as aspirants study ourselves to learn of our hidden (to us) weaknesses that we may take time by the forelock and treat ourselves to a forcing process which is painful, believing that the end justifies the means. It is the more painful way or at least the same amount of pain taken in a larger dose. It takes about as much pain and effort either way, so why not, if we can stand it, have it over with that we may the sooner be efficient servers.

The backward countries of the world need help in education, sanitation, production of food, clothing and housing. This is only



a partial list but of the most immediate need. These things are necessary before much progress can be expected in a spiritual way, therefore they are imperative. The western nations have the wherewithal — if their greed will permit of their sharing. The western nations proved that economic aid pays off handsomely by the results of the aid given to the European nations after the last war. Those nations in a decade are back on their feet economically. But for that aid there would have been chaos and probably communism. If it paid off there, why would it not pay off in the rest of the world, in the countries where it has been needed for centuries? In the case of Europe, our economy was tied up with theirs. We, ourselves, were in danger which might have had something to do with our generosity.

Truman, when president, came out with a Point Four Program for Economic Aid. It has been largely transformed now into military aid. We must be militarily strong as we can only bargain with communism from a position of strength. Russia quickly realised the significance of the Point Four Economic Aid (they saw results in Europe) and adapted it themselves after Stalin was out of the way. Now we awaken to find that Russia, a comparatively weak nation financially compared with the U.S., has matched our economic aid two to one. In Cairo they told the have-not nations to tell them what they need and they will get it. They will make the folks at home sacrifice to give this aid which will win friends (although they get gobbled up). The have-not nations do not have what we call freedom. To adopt communism the U.S. would have to give up an independence which we have fought hard to win. This is not so of most of the undeveloped countries. Most of them have been exploited for centuries by the west and although many have independence they hardly know what freedom means. They would not be less free under communism. They have little or nothing to lose. What would they gain? Russia, under the Czars, was an illiterate nation. Now they have a higher percentage of literacy than we have in the U.S. They were backward industrially. The Gaither report shows they are now ahead. I was aghast to read the other day where some prominent man said the U.S. should strive to match Russia and China in the fields of education and military production and science. Ye Gods! We are now matching them!!!

A friend in India was telling me that women from China are visiting India, telling the women there of what communism is doing for China educationally, economically, in sanitation and other

fields. It sounds like a dream come true to the Indian people. They have practically nothing to lose and everything to gain by doing likewise. If we are to have a new age worthy of the name, such educative inter-relationships must be extended. It would be no Aquarian age, in my concept of the idea, to have the undeveloped, underprivileged nations to continue on as they are, nor the U.S. for that matter. The handwriting is on the wall in this country if we can but read it.

The western nations see the need. Yet, they do little about it and except for the prodding by the communists they would do still less. Our graineries are overflowing constituting one of our problems, yet we cut economic aid. Russia's graineries are empty, their people are in comparative want, yet they are beating us two to one in serving God by serving their fellowman even though the motive is something else maybe, and they beat-'em-up if they do not do as they are told, while we, by withholding our abundance, indirectly cause them to suffer and actually starve to death instead of helping them to help themselves.

There has to be strict discipline to accomplish in a short time what is being accomplished but they could be more merciful about it. The religion of Russia needed to be destroyed and a more up-to-date form take its place. In India Hinduism actually teaches class distinction. That has to be operated on.

It seems to me as we enter the new year that the new age is coming in with the furiousness of a hurricane. The destroyer is necessary before rebuilding can be done. These things are taking place (destroying and replacing) in communist countries with all the fury of a tornado.

The Tibetan speaks of Great Britain representing "a fusion, the foundations of which have been laid in a long historical *past* of preparation for government;" and that the "U.S.A. represents a fusion which is unfolding and developing in the *present* which is new in its experiments, though employing factors from every nation in Europe; the U.S.S.R. in its turn represents a coming fusion of *future* synthesis." Therefore, communism evidently has a future. It is not something which can be destroyed but rather — as with anything new — humanity has to "qualify, modify and adapt" to its frame-of-understanding. That process of adaptation is in its early stages now. Everything has its higher and lower natures. The

lower comes into being, goes through cycles of refinement and gradually becomes adaptable to the expression of its higher nature. Perfection is the ultimate result which has to be striven for through "blood, sweat and tears." Communism naturally is showing its worst side now but anyone knows, if they stop to think for a moment, that the present Kremlin style of communism is only a passing, but necessary, phase but like the lotus which has its roots in the mud and slime, eventually unfolds its inner glory above for all to see.

Naturally, we with our finite minds, unable to grasp the overall picture, are worried — as we should be — as we play our part in bringing about this refinement. We should take heart in the assurance the Tibetan gives us when he said: "Some things are not for sudden solving, hold them in solution in love while the answer evolves."

It was Lowell, I believe, who said: "With right forever on the scaffold and with wrong forever on the throne, yet that scaffold sways the future and behind the dark and dim unknown, stands God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own."



## *The Image of God in Man*

Greater than all the marvels of nature partially unveiled by the new knowledge, greater than all the miracles performed by man's far reaching invention and discovery, is the miracle of man himself. That out of the dust of an insignificant planet, conscious mind and spirit have been called forth capable of communion with its Maker, that out of the mysterious heart of things the Creator should have revealed himself to man within human history and experience, giving men "the right to become the children of God" — that is the central miracle of the universe.

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# *The Hierarchy and Democracy*

By  
*John R. Sinclair*

The Hierarchy will be conditioned by democracy. In relation to the externalization of the Ashrams it has been reported that the Masters of the Wisdom will take into account the efforts of the democratic experiment. But when one considers the methods of Hierarchy, even though we may know them only from the reflections of Its pattern which appear in the history of government, religious and business organization, one may well wonder just how successfully hierarchical rule may blend with our more idealistic concepts of what democracy should be. And such deliberations are worth while if they can lead us to new constructive thought.

A clue to the possibilities is to be found in the Ray energies which are influential through planets dominant in the sign of Aquarius; and which will play their part during the Aquarian age.

Ray energy Seven of Ceremonial Order and Magic enters via Uranus.

Ray energy Four of Harmony through Conflict appears by way of the Moon, and Ray energy Two of Love-Wisdom shines from Jupiter.

Ray Seven can be taken as a clear symbolic demonstration of the principle of Hierarchy which has been said to govern the entire known Universe. It holds out the promise of relationship between plane and plane and between one station of life and another. It embodies the very truth of evolution and might be called the Jacob's Ladder or Antahkarana of Life by which all beings ascend to new glory and awareness, and the good law is handed down to those who follow on behind.

The name of Ray Four, which is close to the nature of the fourth or human kingdom, embodies the very core of the democratic idea with its conflict of political parties and its cross currents of voters, often endangering national welfare through a befogging confusion of tongues but struggling on for the emergence of the greatest good for the greatest number. And indeed when it succeeds in this the democratic method proves itself to be basically humanitarian.

We now come to Ray Two, functioning through Jupiter and helping to bring about the fusion of mind and heart, which is listed as one of the subjective purposes of manifestation. It is in fact in this fusion of heart and mind, of love and wisdom, that we get the demonstration of intelligent will in association with loving understanding, and we can see at once how the all-pervasive second ray, which works primarily through the Hierarchy in its capacity as planetary heart centre, can reconcile and relate the hierarchical and democratic methods of government. It is also interesting to remember that Jupiter, as an agent or vice-regent of the Sun, is the Second Ray planetary energy channel, primarily responsible for influencing disciples of this particular type of power. And it is naturally enough through disciples that adjustments between the two systems must be brought about.

In the western world, where democracy flourishes we can in fact witness a number of cases that are proceeding almost unconsciously in the course of duty and dharma to carry out the necessary experiments. One line of experiment is the constitutional monarchies where the crown as a symbol, and often as a personage, wields considerable subjective influence throughout the peoples of the territory within its aura, and another is the national presidencies which, while often holding considerable executive power during their term of office, rely on the will of the country to place and hold them in high position.

And so when studying what is known of the future plans of Hierarchy it is not surprising to learn that Its agents will find their place and power through the value of their contribution to society as a whole, and the human recognition which this contribution will naturally command. Through the keynote and demonstration of inspired service the Hierarchy will appeal to humanity, and if in fact democracy stands for brotherhood it will be discovered that Brotherhood is only another name for Hierarchy.



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*R. W. Emerson, 'Journals.'*

## *The Service of the Creative Thinkers*

By  
Nancy Magor

*"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."*

*Romans, 12.2.*

Every human soul is, consciously or unconsciously, struggling upwards towards what is for him the next revelation, and wherever man stands on the great ascent, those who have entered more fully into the light, are there to "lighten" his darkness.

Throughout the ages a link has been forged between the Kingdom of God and the world of men through the contemplative groups working within the many Religious Orders. They have built a great pathway through the service of intercession. In close group affiliation they have penetrated into the spiritual worlds and have constituted channels for the inflow of the life of God. Undoubtedly their dedicated channelship must have neutralised much of the darkness of those sombre times, and their light must have glowed in the earth's atmosphere in a faint correspondence of the stars that light the vault of the heavens.

Until the present century the religious communities were the main centres for the inflow of light, and it can never be known to what extent the streams of spiritual energy which they invoked, were responsible for making tangible the great projects for enlightenment put out by the advanced thinkers of each decade.

Today we are at the commencement of an expanding era in this contemplative service. Superimposed on the old system of monastic centres, is the new pattern of spiritual groups working together in thought and aspiration, but being in no way dependent upon outer association with each other. Their methods and way of life are in many ways very different from the old monastic training and approach to the "life spiritual". The practical mystics of our day, live and work out in the world, leading normal lives within their environment. They are no longer concerned with disciplining the form and with obedience to "rule", but are committed to the more subtle processes of transmuting the emotional nature, developing the mind and cultivating a responsiveness to the life of the soul.



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An enlightened mind which can respond to ideas and impression emanating from the spiritual world, is the equipment needed by the modern contemplative as he seeks to use his mind creatively and bring a new dispensation and a new hope to humanity.

When physical hardship was the lot of all except the privileged few, the spiritual pioneers of those eras literally took off their coats and fed, clothed and sought to right wrongs, at the physical level. In these days of the welfare state, emotional and mental conflicts and the hunger for spiritual food, are the growing problems, especially among the more sensitive and mentally awake. These subtle and often torturing conditions can only be understood and alleviated through the enlightened wisdom of a new type of service — the service of the mind.

In the Aquarian era which is beginning to control our lives, a new culture is emerging out of the mental flowering of the race. This shaping of our cultural life, which in its turn will mould the future civilisation is the task of the intelligentsia. And the intelligentsia, we are told by the Tibetan, are in their turn infused by the spiritual creative thinkers. Thus, all along the scale of life groups and individuals are the recipients of impression from those standing nearer to the heart of reality. This arc of descending inspiration is illustrated by the following quotation from *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*: (p. 33.)

“ . . . Giving the keynote of the culture of their particular age on this higher turn of the spiral are the esotericists and aspirants throughout the world. These are responsive to the mind aspect. In this way the spiritual culture and the resultant civilisation comes into being.”

The meditative service being given by the spiritual and esoteric groups today and the significance of the bridging work being done by all groups working with the power of thought, is here seen in true perspective and in the light of its important mission.

Every great enterprise is, we know, the result of the moving outwards of the power of an idea. But ideas do not move into expression by themselves, they can only materialise through the agency of the human mind, and this is uniquely the work of the creative thinkers. Reaching up into those subtler realms where the ideas destined to inspire the next phase of the Plan await their birthing, they (the creative thinkers) intuitively absorb the heart of the idea



and then interpret it outwards to the minds of those who can respond to its impulse and intended purpose.

The process of releasing new thought patterns into the mental life of humanity requires, at first, a demonstration of faith. It is not easy to believe that our small efforts can bring light to others, and so long as we work as individuals our power to do so is, it is true, very limited. But the thought waves of a group working unanimously for good can permeate the minds of men, impressing them with new concepts — the seeds of a new order of life.

The making available of ideas whose hour has come is, therefore, the great service being given today by all who can work creatively with the mind and who have united within themselves the dual qualities of head and heart, and the upward and the outward paths of service.

Perhaps the following comparison between the way in which the life of the spirit was fostered in mankind in the past, and the way in which it will be set aflame in the era to come, will help us to see more clearly what is demanded of the true Aquarian server:

“ . . . the effort of the past has been to raise the consciousness of humanity through the pioneering efforts of its foremost sons. The effort of the future will be to bring down into manifestation the consciousness of the soul through the pioneering efforts of certain groups. It has therefore, as you will readily understand, to be a *group effort* because the soul is group conscious and not individually conscious; *the newer truths of the Aquarian Age can only be grasped as a result of group endeavour.*” (*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 30.)

This new panorama of group service which the Tibetan gives here is at once the hope, the glory and the challenge of our age. Pre-eminently it is a challenge to the mind, for we are moving towards the high destiny of co-operating with the great energies of thought flowing from the Mind of God. We are preparing to step outside the encompassing thought currents of the intellect and enter into the intuitive light of the creative mind. In former lives we moved towards the glory of the unfolded heart through devotion to great ideals and through the mystical approach to God, and it is significant that the power of the mind can only safely be used in service when the heart is fully responsive to human need. In the

same way must the heart centre of a group be the disburser of its inflowing life.

In the past we have been conditioned by separatism in all its ugly "attritioning" guises. Now a new rhythm has to be set. A new rhythm which perhaps might be thought of as *adaptation to wholeness*. How each sees "wholeness" will, of course, depend upon his inner vision, and the concept of wholeness will, therefore, be very different for each.

It is, however, slowly dawning on humanity that the life of God cannot circulate and bring health to the planet while human beings break and cross the lines of its flow — the relationship channels. It is paramountly the severed, tangled, mutilated relationships throughout the body of humanity which are the cause of dis-ease and disintegration and which have brought our planetary life near to break down.

People everywhere who love the good and are concerned for mankind, are working to bridge between their fellow men and to straighten out the tangled web of world relations. Each serves this cause where he stands, and through the strength and insight that he has developed. It is important, therefore, to assess where we stand and the capacity we have developed.

The field of the Aquarian server — the field of the power of the mind modulated by a loving heart — awaits its workers. The spiral has come round a turn higher, and once again those who served their God through the rituals and devotions of the great religious orders, are coming together to serve the Plan with new creative power. In the perfect freedom of a united vision, they will bring the unborn Light of Mind to augment the light already bright within the minds of men.



There is only one truth in you on which you must lay constant hold, the truth of your own divine potentialities, and secondly, the call of the Light to your nature. If you cling firmly to this, or, if you are shaken from your hold, return to it constantly, it will justify itself in the end in spite of all stumblings and obstacles. If you have chosen the Divine, you can be sure that the Divine first chose you.

*Sri Aurobindo.*

## Striking Implications of Tension

By  
M. E. Haselhurst

It seems beyond doubt that any interpretation of tension depends on the quality, mental calibre, and intuitional capacity of the interpreter. Even sustained consideration as to what this particular word symbol implies leads to considerable mutations of awareness. Ideas expand and flow into one another; new ideas arise; new relationships are established and new recognitions made clear. In short, as mental effort is sustained and carried to more abstract levels, so what is known or sensed of the implications of tension, as the word is used in occult philosophy, touches ever expanding arcs of consciousness. The result is that today's truth becomes tomorrow's limitation.

Allowing for this inevitable trend towards modification and enlargement, it would seem that tension is the result of the impact of energy on force (or vice versa). It arises when all the forces of immediate, conscious *being* meet and take the impact of energy flowing in from the next level of awareness to which consciousness aspires.

Understanding of the implications of this word demands a conception of man as something other and greater than his daily, demonstrable self, since the suggestion is of a state which arises when the known self gathers all its forces for an upward reach into some wider or higher or more inclusive state of being.

Tension is an essentially *Active* state. It represents the tremendous potential livingness which results when force and energy act upon one another to produce that which is new, whether it be a leaf, a human body, a universe or an idea. It is the womb of creative-ness, a state in which invoked energies fill the "evokee" beyond the limits of normal capacity to the end that some fragment of eternal truth may be given new form.

*Tension* has its true significance on soul levels rather than human, yet is linked most closely with all phases of man's life, irrespective of the particular sheath which the Self happens to be using. Long before individual man emerges in his latest physical body, there have been points or crises of tension by means of which the Ego has carried forward his pressure towards externalisation and Appear-

ance. As is stated in "A Treatise on Cosmic Fire" (p. 787) "This work of passing on to a plane for purposes of incarnation marks a definite crisis and is characterised by the exertion of the will in sacrifice, the appropriation of the substance in love, and its energising into activity."

Tension, the point of equilibrium at which force and energy fuse into pure *being*, is linked in our human lives with the power of the creative imagination. Men use the energy which they know or believe to be available. Lacking knowledge concerning the spiritual energies which impel them forward, the power of imagination makes possible that upward thrust of consciousness which releases spiritual potentialities, thus creating ever wider fields in which force and energy meet and from which activity can be carried forward. As is laid down in the book "Heart" (page 36) "one can continuously create new rhythms", but this creation depends upon an understanding of the basic principle that the process of intensification of energy is similar to the action of a pump, inasmuch as the upward flow is absolutely conditioned by the downward pressure.

From this angle, tension emerges as the point of balance between the downward and upward drives; it is that moment of eternity wherein the essence of the past is gathered to a focal point to meet the inflowing energy of the future, with a resultant radiation of inspired activity in the present. Most wisely does the Doctrine of the Heart enjoin aspirants to "become accustomed to a state of constant labour", pointing out that "they labour, not to secure rest, but for limitless perfection". ("Heart", page 106).

Tension involves recognition and true evaluation of the forces of destruction. The two great destructions which liberate man's consciousness (of the etheric web and of the casual body) take place through the right direction of force and the right release of energy, in other words, through tension so perfectly established that the unreal drops below the level of consciousness and the Real is recognised, realised and demonstrated. Thus, as "Heart" again bears witness, "people will find their place in Cosmos" realising that "the so-called state of Nirvana is not rest but the highest tension of energy."

*World tension* may yield a great pooling of cultures with consequent emergence of people who are world citizens in their everyday consciousness, despite differences of race or nationality.



## Thoughts on Group Being

Our true value as a group (as of any group) is to supplement and complement each other's individual capacities and endowments. For it is in our *aggregate qualities* that our potent force for good lies. And what is that potent force? It is the ever deepening and widening flow of combined spiritual energies everywhere, of every field and kind that heal the cleavages of humanity. It is the "out-go" of *reconstructive essences* that countervail the "fall-out" of *destructive elements* engendered by the separative fears of nations and people. This reconstructive power of aggregate qualities of truly integrated groups is, in fact, the White Magic of the healing power of Christ. For He said clearly, "Of myself alone I am nothing. Only as I am One with the Father can I do this work." And it is so with any server or group of servers. For the integrated group is, in principle and in practice, an entity *in touch*.

Therefore the paramount objective of a group is to unify itself — to integrate its *variations*, which are necessary to any whole, through the successive steps of the catalytic power of Christ's Love; first, personal rapport; then synchrony of thought and purpose; and finally, the *natural unity* of intelligence, spiritual will and love in action — natural because the group identification with the Hierarchical Plan has become the *unconscious habit-pattern of living*.

The *moving goal* of group association should begin with the beginning, with no concern for the ultimate, holding only to the golden thread "that runs through all and doth all unite"; and focussing only upon the *wholeness* of the *growth of fusion* at every step. For this is the meaning of discipleship.

Aspirants and disciples are people with problems and character limitations which they are working to outgrow. Each is working to bring harmony to the conflicts within himself and purer relationship with the group or groups in which he functions. And the immediate goal of every disciple and server today is to love all his fellow men with the deep identity with which for many lives he has loved himself. Out of this simple fact, held in meditation, comes much of illumination; and the *point of peace* will be found and held in the midst of all personal, group and world turmoil.

Carol Ennis

# *Esotericism and Science*

By  
*Charlton Bastian*

The Greek derivation of the word "esoteric" denotes inner knowledge. The accepted connotation of the word implies knowledge for a select few. But contemporary esotericism is a conscious directing of forces to the creation of a New Age for the many. The New Age will derive largely from a new state of human relations. This will be new, not because of anything essentially new in the nature of the concept, but by virtue of its universal acceptance and practice. Being the product of a quality of thinking — of an inner knowledge and understanding — restricted in the past to a comparatively few minds, it has not hitherto been a sufficiently dynamic force to alter the tenor of man's ways.

In its application to the needs of today and the emerging future this dynamic force — this esotericism — will become sufficiently widespread to recondition mankind's thinking, and thus create the change in human relationships which will inaugurate the New Age. So it is that esotericism is now an outward moving influence bringing to the notice and comprehension of an increasing number of minds the inner meaning behind the appearance of things.

Touching upon this outward moving influence, the Tibetan has said "the scientist . . . is in reality a true esotericist, even if in his efforts to control the sought-for energies, he denies their Source. That is of relatively small moment. Later he will recognise their emanating Source." The Tibetan goes on to say that the esotericist in training must become sensitive to the impelling energies of the soul, emanating from the higher mental levels and must recognise the events and circumstances in his environment as energy in action.

It is perhaps a fairly close approximation to say that this is a point of realisation which only a few scientists — and those for the most part unconsciously — have reached. To some extent scientific thought has so far had a limited range of applicability because it has been almost exclusively concerned with investigation into the nature and behaviour of energy manifesting as physical forces, which is assumed to be a self-contained and sufficient field of enquiry. It is difficult to see how the scientist can adjust the perspective of his mind to the wider implications of esotericism until some further

extension of knowledge causes him to revise the terms of reference which he has imposed upon the scope and nature of his thinking.

The control and applied use of nuclear energy, the rapidly increasing application of radar, related perhaps to a growing insight of the realities underlying the chemical metabolism of the living cell — these may somehow, soon, lead to fresh discoveries such as, for instance, factual demonstration of survival. It does seem important that now, on the threshold of new vistas of knowledge, something like this should providentially happen to extend the terms of scientific reference so that the emphasis is less confined to effects and reaches out further into the realm of meaning. Then, maybe, with its increasing impact on the daily lives of people, it will truly serve the esoteric purpose of kindling a universal awareness of man's relation to his Self and to the Planetary Logos within Whom he has his being.

There is hope here that science will indeed point the way to a New Age and peace on Earth. But knowledge alone is not enough. Not the mind only, but the heart also — both these centres of the etheric principle of the Universe are involved in alignment to the world's need. And assuredly, in accordance with this need the occult mind of the scientist will not be heedless of the mystic vision within his own heart centre. Was it not Albert Einstein who spoke of a deeply emotional conviction of the presence of a superior reasoning power?

(EDITOR'S NOTE.—Should not psychology, psychiatry, psychoanalysis, though infant sciences, together with psychosomatic effects, recognized by doctors and physiologists increasingly, be given consideration here? In this connection attention should be called to the book, *The Soul and its Mechanism — the Problem of Psychology*, by Alice A. Bailey (1930). This is really a correlation of the ancient theory of the East concerning what they called "centres" or "chakras", vortices of energy in the universal substance (etheric), with their physical counterparts, the endocrin glands, of comparatively recent discovery by Western science. A.P.)

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That which is once involved in the destiny of living things can never be annihilated.

*From 'Taoist Teachings.'*

# *The Varying Nature of Crises*

By  
*Claire E. Lynch*

The Tibetan tells us that "Crisis is a point of examination as to the strength, purpose, purity, motive and intent of the Soul." It is therefore, a point of recognition and of stress, of impinging new pressures of energy of a higher caliber than what we have heretofore been cognisant of. It is a keener vibrational rate than that which we have formerly experienced.

Hence, this is a springboard to further advancement. It is an established rhythm of one kind being upset, unbalanced by the approximating of another one, of one of a differing kind. It is the upsetting of a habit of vibration on the objective side, by a subtler one from the subjective side imposing itself on the former and causing discomfort in the transition stage. It is a "call to come up higher" as expressed in the Scriptures.

Crisis causes change of vibration in the vortices, or centres, of the various bodies and a period of maladjustment inevitably ensues, and is experienced by the lower man.

Crisis is a reorienting of the entire man to a higher rate of vibrations, a tuning up of the four-fold mechanism, so that the vibrations of the lesser self become more nearly approximated to the rhythm of the Soul. It is caused by the turning of the Soul towards its shadow, that it might take more definite command of the lower self.

This causes a dying to the self that the Greater Self may live. The degree of value of any particular crisis can be measured or apprehended by the depth of inner struggle, of upheaval and of subsequent change of life rhythm in the individual. From such a struggle there emerges a new feature or quality in the life of an individual, a clearer expressing of some Soul quality; a greater degree of superseding the concrete mind and a flowing forth of higher mind then takes place as an inevitable consequence; this is the "witness" of the life within the individual.

Crisis could be defined as the stirring of the life, as Soul, within the form or human personality. The result is always demonstrated development, an establishing of a heightened degree of Soul rhythm.

Crisis produces change, development, advancement along some spiritual line. It is, and it produces, a degree of synthesis of the



lower man and reorientation towards the Higher. Crisis is awareness of another something on higher levels, a blending of two lights or states of vibration. This produces chemical changes in the organism; sensing, sighting reorienting towards the higher, repolarising the one into the other, the forming of a new habit in the response apparatus.

As the personality has its crises in relation to the Soul, so the Soul has its points of crises, in relation to the development, or the showing forth of the qualities of the Monad. It means the establishing of the ever greater and higher rhythms — again the stirring of Life, Monad, within the Soul which is the “form side” of the Monad.

In meditation there is a steady imposing of the Soul's rhythm upon the personality and again in meditation the higher rhythm of the Life, as essence, is imposed upon the Soul in its “meditation deep”. This inevitably affects the entire being, from monadic levels through the Spiritual Triad to the Soul via the antahkarana, which is in process of being built by the individual, and to the various bodies of the personality. Crisis is thus inevitably felt in the lower being, struggle results and reaction is set up. Deeper and higher these crises become as finer qualities are being built into the human being, enabling eventual emergence out of the Fourth Kingdom into the Fifth.

Thus crisis is inevitably tied up with the bringing forth of the Soul — the Christ aspect — and of the spirit of Godhood. This becomes an unconquerable spirit of Life, Light and Love, and of Power when truly realised at whatever the level of expression.

#### **Qualities of the Will —**

- (1)—Will is living purpose on highest spiritual levels.
- (2)—Will is the Energy of Shamballa, expressing via the Triad, the externalisation of the Plan.
- (3)—Will is clear, cold active Principle expressing Spirit Life.
- (4)—Will is a point of intense Fire, focussed, constrained, purposeful, dynamic.
- (5)—Will is the electric, magnetic Pull of Diety expressing through Sanat Kumara, Hierarchy, Humanity, Its different levels or modes of activity.
- (6)—Will is pressure, of Energy if of Spirit, of force if of the personality.

- (7)—Will is inherent Divinity known and expressed through the individual; it becomes a 'letting loose', as it were, of something other than the individual in incarnation, and which cannot be gainsaid when once experienced.
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## ***"Harmony through Conflict"***

***Editorial***

"Beauty — absolute, simple, and everlasting . . . the irradiation of the particular by the general." . . . "In its ultimate analysis the balance between the particular and the general is that between the spirit and the mind." These words from Edith Hamilton's *The Greek Way*, present a neat package of ultimates, do they not? And also they shed light on the nature of our present dilemmas and confusion of thought. Are we not seeking the answers in the particulars of global life, rather than in the synthesizing principles? It is noted that a Greek temple was always set on a hill — outlined against the sky, made a part of the whole — and even so the great tragic or heroic characters of their drama, while strongly individualized, are considered in relation to all men; their common passions, griefs, joys and ideals.

From the depths upward the innate urge to grow or to attain knowledge strives; from above, downward the spiritual urge to create, to manifest descends. When these two meet, hastening to meet each other like long parted lovers, there is the "marriage in the heavens," the Sun of Love-Wisdom is born and the angels rejoice. The Greeks knew this four hundred years before Christ, led by Plato and Aristotle, on the two ways.

We do not at-one ourselves with those from whom we differ by forcing ourselves to move horizontally toward them, protesting that they are brothers. It is only at the center that we are honestly and really made one. Many radii from the periphery move toward the same center — They may seem to be in opposition but only the methods of approach differ in degree, seemingly in opposition. A great mantram says it simply:

"May the all-pervading Life that expresses itself through Love, draw us one and all nearer to the center, and so closer to each other, and further on the way that leads to bliss and life abundant."

***Anne Pierce***

# The Disciple

One who walks among men with an invisible light shining from him, and who is unconsciously felt as a power for good among his fellow-men; such a one is a Disciple.

One who encourages in men, without words and by his presence alone, the flowering of their higher natures and the desire to transcend their lower selves; he is a Disciple.

One whose word is calm, encouraging and controlled; whose mien is bright, cheerful and friendly; whose acts are honest, positive and productive; he is a Disciple.

One whose Will and Aspiration are dedicated to advancing the Evolution of all his fellow-creatures, to broadening the horizons of their Consciousness within the limits of their potential and to helping them to know themselves; he is a Disciple.

One who walks among all manifestations of Life with the realization that each expression is a part of the Father's Self, in greater or in lesser degree, and a god in the making; he is a Disciple.

One who sees that as all Life came from the ONE and will return to the ONE, perfected and crowned at last, so all Life is at all times One with all Its manifestations and can never be separated from Its varied expressions; he is a Disciple.

One who sees in Nature and in all the Kingdoms of Nature, the Will and Spirit of the Father expressed in the Body and Substance of the Mother, seeing but One Life in multiple manifestation; he is a Disciple.

One who allows the balanced Life Force, which is Love, to flow through him to the fullest capacity of his being, and out to all who surround him, from the lowliest to the highest, so that they, basking in his Light, may expand their own degree of Livingness; he is a DISCIPLE.

*K. Murray Scott*



## *Free Will*

Rather than I accept a Fate-planned way,  
If by my mind my future cannot lie,  
I would not be a robot for a day —  
Slave-life would have less value than to die.

Rather than say that my free will is naught,  
And that my course was plotted long for me,  
That I cannot choose good and right and ought,  
I'd take my chances with Eternity!

*Norman M. Davis*